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September 28, 2011

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

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Re: **Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 185X)**
Illinois Central Railroad Company -- Discontinuance of Trackage
Rights Exemption -- In Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll,
Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola,
Tate, and DeSoto Counties, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of the **Verified Notice of Exemption of Illinois Central Railroad Company Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**, dated September 28, 2011. A check in the amount of \$3,600.00, representing the appropriate fee for this filing, is attached.

Please note that the Notice includes a color map.

One extra copy of the Notice and this letter also are enclosed. Please date-stamp those items to show receipt of this filing and return them to me in the provided envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeremy M. Berman

Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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Enclosures

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IN MADISON, YAZOO, HOLMES, CARROLL, MONTGOMERY,
GRENADA, YALOBUSHA, TALLAHATCHIE, PANOLA,
TATE, AND DESOTO COUNTIES, MISSISSIPPI

**VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF
ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY
PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50**

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Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") hereby submits this Verified Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for the discontinuance of IC's limited overhead trackage rights on a line of railroad of Grenada Railway, LLC ("GRYR") extending from Milepost 403.0 at Southaven, Mississippi to Milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi (the "Grenada Line"), a total distance of approximately 175.4 miles¹ in Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola, Tate, and Desoto Counties, Mississippi. A map showing the trackage rights to be discontinued is attached hereto as Exhibit A. No local shippers will be affected.² GRYR is concurrently seeking an exemption to abandon a portion of the Grenada Line, which will be docketed as Grenada Railway LLC – Abandonment Exemption -- in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, and Madison Counties, Miss., Docket No. AB-1087X. In accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2), IC submits the following information:

¹ Milepost equation at Grenada, MS: IC Milepost 491.09 = IC Milepost 616.49

² Under its trackage rights agreement with GRYR, IC has the right to enter/exit the Grenada Line at Winona, MS but does not have the right to perform any local freight service on the Grenada Line.

General Corporate Information: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) - (2)

Petitioner IC is a Class 1 common carrier by rail which owns and operates approximately 2,550 miles of rail line in six Midwestern and South Central states. IC is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Canadian National Railway Company.

The complete name and address of IC is:

Illinois Central Railroad Company
17641 South Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430-1345

Relief Sought: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(3)

Pursuant to the Board's class exemption for the discontinuance of trackage rights, codified at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b), IC seeks to discontinue its limited overhead trackage rights over GRYW's Grenada Line, from Milepost 403.0 at Southaven, Mississippi to Milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi, a total distance of approximately 175.4 miles in Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola, Tate, and Desoto Counties, Mississippi.

IC acquired these trackage rights from GRYR by virtue of IC's retention of these rights upon IC's sale of the Grenada Line to GRYR. See Grenada Railway, LLC Acquisition and Operation Exemption - Illinois Central Railroad Company and Waterloo Railway Company, Docket No. 35247 (STB Served May 29, 2009). IC retained these overhead trackage rights solely for use as a potential detour route.

No overhead or local traffic has been handled pursuant to these rights for at least two years. In fact, IC has never used its trackage rights on GRYR's Grenada Line. In any event,

any such IC traffic on the Grenada Line could be rerouted over other lines.³ The proposed discontinuance will permanently discontinue IC's trackage rights over the line that GRYR is seeking to abandon in Grenada Railway LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll, Holmes, Yazoo, and Madison Counties, Miss., Docket No. AB-1087X⁴.

Map: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(4)

A map showing the location of the Grenada Line over which IC seeks to discontinue its trackage rights is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Applicant's Representative: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(7)

Any correspondence regarding the proposed discontinuance should be sent to IC's representative at the following address:

Jeremy M. Berman
Fletcher & Sippel LLC
29 North Wacker Drive
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ZIP Codes Traversed: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(8)

The Grenada Line traverses United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 39046, 39179, 39146, 39079, 39063, 39192, 39176, 38967, 38925, 38926, 38960, 38901, 38953, 38961, 38948, 38927, 38658, 38620, 38606, 38666, 38619, 38668, 38618, 38632, 38651, 38637, and 38671.

³ Because IC has never exercised these trackage rights, STB discontinuance authority may not be required for their termination. IC is nonetheless filing this notice out of an abundance of caution and to assure that GRYR is able to proceed with abandonment of the line.

⁴ In its trackage rights agreement with GRYR, IC agreed that if GRYR sought regulatory authority to abandon its line, IC would seek regulatory authority to discontinue its trackage rights at the same time. Because abandonment of the line segment that GRYR seeks to abandon would physically preclude operation of the remainder of IC's limited overhead trackage rights over GRYR, IC here seeks exemption to discontinue all of its trackage rights over GRYR.

Qualification for Class Exemption: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b)

IC certifies that no local traffic has moved via its trackage rights over the Grenada Line for at least two years and that any overhead traffic that could be handled via those trackage rights can be rerouted over other lines. IC further certifies that no formal complaint filed by a user of IC's trackage rights over the Grenada Line (or a state or local governmental entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of IC service over the line either is pending with the Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of such complainant during the last two years. See Certification and Verification of Brian Buchanan attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Proposed Consummation Date: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

IC intends to consummate the discontinuance of its trackage rights on the Grenada Line on or shortly after November 17, 2011.

Suitability for Other Public Purposes: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(c)(4)

Not applicable. Because this is a trackage rights discontinuance proceeding and not an abandonment, public use conditions would be unavailable. See e.g., Central Washington Railroad Company—Discontinuance Of Trackage Rights Exemption— In Yakima County, WA, Docket No. AB-1061X (STB served July 19, 2010).

Notice Requirement: 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(2), 1105.11, 1105.12

A certification that the agencies designated in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) have been served with written prefiling notice of the proposed discontinuance is attached hereto as Exhibit C. A certification that, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12, IC has published notice of the proposed discontinuance in a newspaper of general circulation in the counties through which the Grenada Line passes is attached hereto as Exhibit D. Because preparation of an

Environmental/Historic Report is not required for the proposed discontinuance of trackage rights, the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1105.7(b) and 1105.11 are not applicable to this proceeding. See e.g., Central Washington Railroad Company—Discontinuance Of Trackage Rights Exemption—In Yakima County, WA, Docket No. AB-1061X (STB served July 19, 2010).

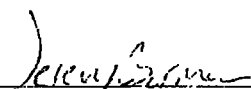
Labor Protection: 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(2)

The appropriate level of labor protection for the transaction proposed herein is that set forth in Oregon Short Line R. Co. -- Abandonment -- Goshen, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). No IC employees will be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Data: 49 C.F.R. § 1105

Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(c)(6), IC's proposed discontinuance of trackage rights over the Grenada Line is exempt from environmental reporting requirements. Under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(a) and (b), the proposed discontinuance also is exempt from historic preservation reporting requirements. See e.g., Central Washington Railroad Company—Discontinuance Of Trackage Rights Exemption—In Yakima County, WA, Docket No. AB-1061X (STB served July 19, 2010). Further STB approval is required for GRYP to abandon any portion of the Grenada Line.

Respectfully submitted.

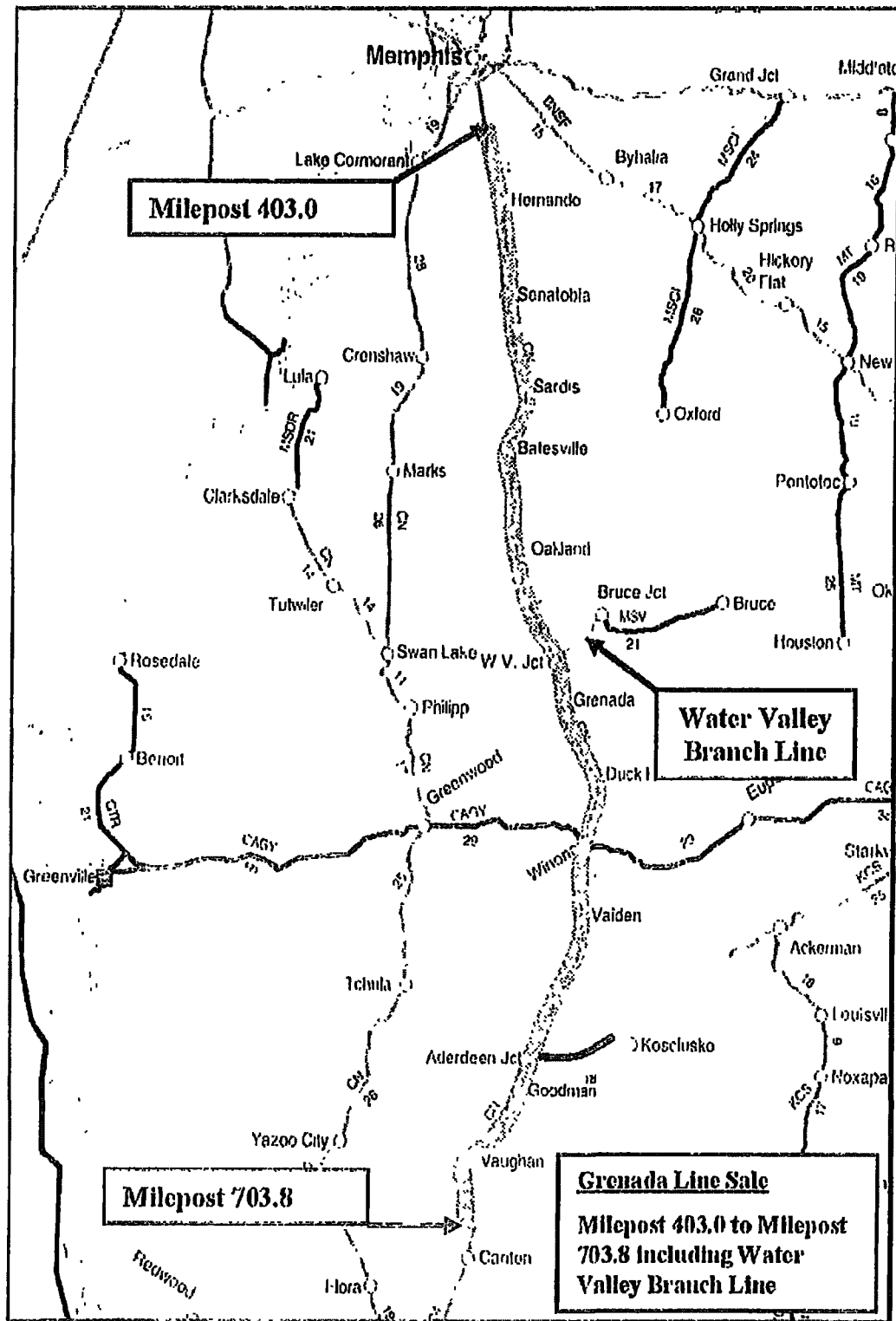
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Map

Exhibit A



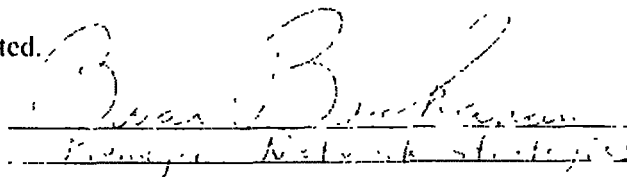
CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION

State of Illinois)
) ss:
County of Cook)

Brian R. Buchanan, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Manager -
Network Strategies of Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") and that:

1) No local traffic has moved via IC's trackage rights over the rail line of
Grenada Railway, LLC ("GRYR") between Milepost 403.0 and Milepost 703.8 in Madison,
Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola, Tate, and
DeSoto Counties, Mississippi for at least two years; IC has never used its trackage rights to
handle overhead traffic on the line and any overhead traffic that could be handled via the
trackage rights could be rerouted over other lines; and no formal complaint filed by a user of
IC's trackage rights over the line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such
user) regarding cessation of IC trackage rights service over the line either is pending with the
Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of such complainant during the last
two years; and

2) He has read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and knows the facts
asserted therein, and the same are true as stated.



Brian R. Buchanan
Manager, Network Strategies

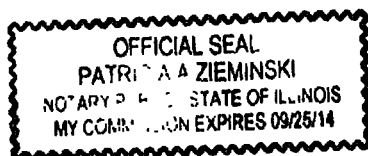
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO

before me this 4 day
of September, 2011.



Notary Public

My Commission expires:



CERTIFICATE OF NOTIFICATION

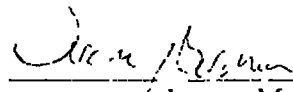
I hereby certify that on September 15, 2011, written notice in the form attached hereto and containing the information specified in 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1) was served by first class mail, postage prepaid, upon the following agencies designated in that subsection:

Juan Flores
Director
Freight, Rails, Ports & Waterways Division
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Administration Building, 8th Floor
401 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Military Surface Deployment & Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
709 Ward Drive, Building 1990
Scott AFB, IL 62225-5357

National Park Service
Recreation Resources Assistance Division
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

Mr. Thomas Tidwell
Chief of the Forest Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-0003



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We are notifying you of the proposed discontinuance in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1). Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this proposed discontinuance, please feel free to contact me at (312) 252-1510. Kind regards.

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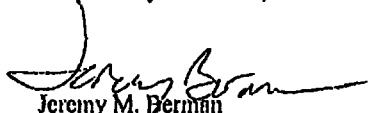
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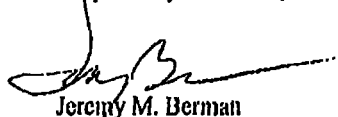
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Jeremy M. Berman
Attorney for Illinois Central Railroad Company

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that:

1. I have contacted the following newspapers of general circulation for the counties in which the subject rail line in this proceeding is located, and arranged for the publication of a Notice of Intent to Discontinue Trackage Rights, in the form attached hereto, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12.

2. The Notice of Intent to Discontinue Trackage Rights was published in the following newspapers on the following dates:

Madison County Journal, September 22, 2011

The Yazoo Herald, September 21, 2011

Holmes County Herald, September 22, 2011

The Conservative, Carroll County, September 22, 2011

The Winona Times, Montgomery County, September 22, 2011

The Grenada Star, September 20, 2011

Northern Mississippi Herald, Yalobusha County, September 22, 2011

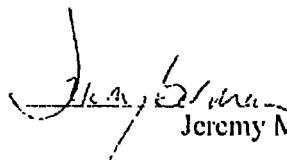
The Sun-Sentinel, Tallahatchie County, September 22, 2011

The Panolian, Panola County, September 20, 2011

The Democrat, Tate County, September 27, 2011

Desoto Times Tribune, September 20, 2011

3. A copy of the proof of publication from each newspaper will be filed upon receipt.


Jeremy M. Berman

Dated: September 28, 2011

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF DESOTO

Diane Smith personally appeared before me the undersigned in and for said County and State and states on oath that she is the CLERK of the DeSoto Times-Tribune, a newspaper published in the town of Hernando, State and County aforesaid, and having a general circulation in said county, and that the publication of the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, has been made in said paper 1 consecutive times, as follows, to-wit:

Notice of Intent to Discontinue
Trackage Rights - Illinois Cen-
tral Railroad Company
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mental Analysis, Surface
Transportation Board, Wash-
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Appropriate offers of financial
assistance to continue rail
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at (202) 245-0238.
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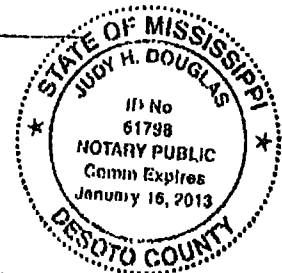
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
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Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Chancery Clerk of said County and State, Bruce Hill, publisher of a public newspaper called the Holmes County Herald established in 1959 and published continuously since that date in said County and State, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said that the notice, of which a true copy is hereto annexed, was published in said paper for _____ times, as follows, to wit:

Notice of Intent to
Discontinue Trackage Rights
Florida Central Railroad Company
The Florida Central Railroad Company (FCR) gives
notice that on or about September 28, 2011, it
intends to file with the Surface Transportation
Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of
exemption under 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F -
Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances
permitting the discontinuance of FCR's trackage
rights on approximately 176.4 miles of rail line of
the Grenada Railway Line (GRYRL) between
Milepost 403.0 at Stennis, Mississippi and
Milepost 703.6 near Canton, Mississippi,
including United States Postal Service ZIP
Codes 39046, 39174, 39144, 39070, 39083, 39102,
39170, 39087, 39026, 39020, 39060, 39061,
39053, 39061, 39046, 39027, 39068, 39020,
39009, 39068, 39046, 39060, 39019, 39032,
39031, 39037, and 39073 in Jackson, 39060,
Hattiesburg, Gulfport, Monticello, Grenada,
Yazoo, Tallahatchie, Panola, Tate, and
DeSoto Counties in Mississippi. The proceeding
will be docketed as AD-43 (Sub-No. 185X) at STB.
The proposed discontinuance is exempt from
the Board's environmental and historic reporting
requirements, 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(a) and 1105.8(b).
Interested persons may make inquiries regarding
environmental matters by writing to the Section
of Environmental Analysis, Surface
Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423
or by calling that office at (202) 245-0266.
Appropriate offers of financial assistance to
continue rail service can be filed with the Board.
Private landowners and other parties who use
are not eligible for proceedings involving only a
discontinuance and not an abandonment. An
original and ten copies of any pleading that raises
matters other than environmental issues (such
as offers of financial assistance) must be filed
directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary,
395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 (see
49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)). Questions
regarding offers of financial assistance or the
Board's discontinuance procedures may be
directed to the Board's Office of Public
Assistance, Governmental Affairs & Compliance
at (202) 245-0236.
Copies of any comments or requests for
conditions should be e-mailed to an FCR
representative at the following address:
Jeremy H. Berman
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29 North Wacker Drive, Ste. 920
Chicago, Illinois 60606-2832
(312) 282-1600

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Witness my hand and seal of said County and State, this
the 22ND day of Sept, 2011
by Bruce Hill Publisher
Deborah J. Smith Chancery Clerk
Charles L. Smith D.C.
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**PROOF OF PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MADISON COUNTY**

Notice of Intent to Discontinue Trackage Rights Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) gives notice that on or about September 25, 2011, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. 1152, Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances, permitting the discontinuance of IC's trackage rights on approximately 175.4 miles of rail line of the Grenada Railway, LLC ("GRYR") between Milepost 403.0 at Southaven, Mississippi and Milepost 703.8 near Canton, Mississippi, traversing United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 39046, 39179, 39140, 39079, 39063, 39102, 39176, 39087, 38925, 38028, 38960, 38001, 38963, 38001, 38948, 38927, 38668, 38620, 38608, 38666, 38619, 38068, 38818, 38632, 38651, 38637, and 38671 in Madison, Yazoo, Holmes, Carroll, Montgomery, Grenada, Yalobusha, Tallahatchie, Panola, Tate, and DeSoto Counties in Mississippi. The proceeding will be docketed as AB-43 (Sub No. 185X). The proposed discontinuance is exempt from the Board's environmental and historic reporting requirements: 49 C.F.R. 1105.0(c) and 1105.8(b). Interested persons may make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0286. Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Public use conditions and rail banking/trails use are not available in proceedings involving only a discontinuance and not an abandonment. An original and ten copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 499 E. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 (see 49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)). Questions regarding offers of financial assistance or the Board's discontinued procedures may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs & Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on IC's representative at the following address: Jeremy M. Borman, Fletcher & Spindel LLC, 28 North Wacker Drive, Ste. 920, Chicago, Illinois 60606 2832 (312) 252-1500.

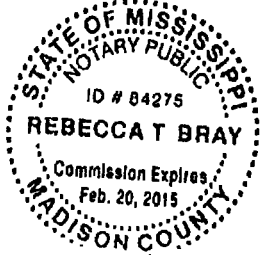
PERSONALLY appeared before me, the Undersigned notary public in and for Madison County, Mississippi, Steven G. Watson, Associate Editor of the MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL, a Weekly newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, Mississippi as Defined and prescribed in Section 13-3-31, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, who, being duly sworn, states that the notice, a true copy of which is attached hereto was published in the issues of said newspaper as follows:

Date September 22, 2011
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Signed: Steven G. Watson
Associate Editor of the
MADISON COUNTY JOURNAL

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me the 22nd day of September, 2011

Rebecca J. Bray
NOTARY PUBLIC



PROOF OF PUBLICATION
OF NOTICE

State of Mississippi
Yalobusha County

Before me, BETTY K. SHEARER, Notary Public of said County, this day came David Howell, who stated on oath that he is the Editor and Publisher of the North Mississippi Herald, a public newspaper publishing and having a general circulation in the City of Water Valley, said County and State, and made oath further that advertisement, of which a copy as printed is annexed, was published in said newspaper for 1 consecutive weeks in its issues numbered and dated as follows, to-wit:

Vol. 123 No. 25 Dated the 22 of Sept. 2011
Vol. ____ No. ____ Dated the ____ of ____ 20____
Vol. ____ No. ____ Dated the ____ of ____ 20____
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Affiant further states that he has examined the foregoing 1 issues of said newspaper, that the attached Notice appeared in each of said 1 as aforesaid of said newspaper.

David Howell
Editor and Publisher
North Mississippi Herald

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 22 day of Sept. 2011
Water Valley, Yalobusha County, Mississippi

Betty Shearer

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The proposed discontinuance is exempt from the Board's environmental and historic reporting requirements, 49 C.F.R. 1105.6(c) and 1105.6(h). Interested persons may make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

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